Remission of Land Tax in Kalkulam and Vilavankod Taluks during 1098

266. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state, in what *pakuthies* of the Kalkulam and Vilavankod taluks and to what extent in each case, tax has been remitted on account of the failure of crops caused by the floods of Vrischikam 1098 ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No amount was remitted in the Kalkulam taluk on account of failure of crops caused by the floods of Vrischikam 1098. The amounts remitted in the *pakuthies* of Vilavankod taluk are—

Names of pakuthies.		*Amount remitted.* Rs.
Vilavankod	...	178
Pakod	...	30
Nallur	...	127
Kunnattur	...	159
Ezhudesapattu	...	31
Painkulam	...	6
Methukummal	...	86
Kizhkulam	...	34
Arudesapattu	...	81
Total	...	732

Staff of the Survey Department.

267. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(i) the present strength of the Survey Office ;

(ii) the number of superior officers drawing a salary of Rs. 100 and above employed there ; and

(iii) the present pay of each?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (i) to (iii) The Member is referred to pages 21 and 22 of the *Half-yearly Civil List* corrected up to the 1st Kumbhom 1101.

The Working of the Systems of Salt Factories.

268. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any provision of law for specifying the quantity of salt to be supplied to the Government annually by the licensees of factories given on the Excise System and the Modified Excise System? If so, will the Government be pleased to state what it is?

(*b*) Are the licensees permitted to sell the balance of salt remaining after supply to the Government? If so, what is the price allowed by the Government per maund of salt? What is the amount realised by the Government as duty thereon? What do the licensees get?

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(*c*) Do the licensees of these systems execute the protective *maramath* works in their factories according to their contract?

(*d*) Is there a rule empowering the Excise Commissioner to carry out the *maramath* works in the event of the failure of the licensees to do the same according to the contract? If so, what are the *maramath* works carried out in those factories, the year in which they were carried out and the expenditure incurred therefor, from 1095 to 1100? Has the amount spent been recovered from the licensees?

(*e*) What were the *maramath* works carried out by the Excise Commissioner in 1098 and 1099 to make good the damages caused to the Puttalam factory by the floods of 1098 and stated in the annual reports of the Department for 1098 and 1099 to have been left unremedied owing to want of union among the licensees of that factory?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) There is no provision of law specifying the quantity of salt to be supplied to Government annually by the licensees of factories under the Excise or Modified Excise system. But the quantity is fixed by the agreements entered into by the licensees under the Modified Excise system.

(*b*) The licensees are permitted to remove the balance quantity of salt after supplying to the Government the quantity stipulated for in the agreement, on payment of duty, for sale in Travancore at prices not lower than the Government selling price prevailing at the time of such removal. The amount realised by the Government as duty is the amount of duty calculated at the rate then prevailing. The present rate of duty is Bh. Re. 1-4 as. per maund and the present selling price at the factories is Bh. Re. 1-14 as. per maund. The licensees get the price of the salt after deducting therefrom the duty due on the quantity.

(*c*) The licensees have to execute the protective *maramath* works in their factories according to their agreements or contracts.

(*d*) Yes. No works were carried out by the department.

(*e*) No *maramath* works were carried out by the department.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : ഉപ്പുപാത്തികളിൽ നിന്നു ഇരു മന്നു ഉപ്പു് ഗവർണ്മെൻറിനെ ഏല്പിക്കണമെന്നുള്ള കരാർ പ്രകാരമാണോ അടിസ്ഥാനപ്പെട്ടതിലാണു് നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : സാധാരണമായി സംഭവിച്ചുണ്ടു്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : ഡിപ്പോസിൽ ഏതുഭാഗത്താണു പറയുന്നതു്?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The rules refer to the quantity of salt to be delivered to the licencees.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : ഗവർമ്മെൻറിലേക്കു ഏൽപിക്കേണ്ട ഉപ്പിനുള്ള കണക്കു നിശ്ചയിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള തോതു് ഏതാണു്?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): ലൈസൻസികം സമ്മതിച്ചിട്ടാണ് നിശ്ചയിക്കുന്നത്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : ഒരുദ്യോഗസ്ഥനും ലൈസൻസിയുമായി ആലോചിച്ചു തമ്മിൽ നിശ്ചയിക്കയൊ അതല്ല അതിലേക്കു വല്ല തോതുമുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അതാതു സന്ദർഭങ്ങളിലുള്ള ആദായം അനുസരിച്ചു ചെയ്യുകയാണ് പതിവു.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഇതു ഏക്കർ ഉപ്പുപാത്തിക്ക് ഇത്രമനുപ്പു കൊടുക്കണമെന്ന് കണക്കു നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That information has not been called for.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : ആദ്യത്തെ (ഏ) ഭാഗത്തിൽ ചോദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതെന്താണ്?

MR. P. N. KRISHHA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : അതിൽ ചട്ടം വല്ലതും ഉണ്ടോ എന്നാണ് ചോദിക്കുന്നതു. അതിനുത്തരം റൂൾസിനെ അടിസ്ഥാനമാക്കിയാണ എഗ്രിമെൻറു എഴുതുന്നതു് എന്നാകുന്നു.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : റൂൾസിൽ അങ്ങിനെ വല്ല വ്യവസ്ഥകളും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : എഗ്രിമെൻറു എഴുതണമെന്നു റൂൾസിൽ ഉണ്ടു്.

At this stage, the President took the chair.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : Part (*e*). ലൈസൻസികം കരാറനുസരിച്ചു ഉപ്പളങ്ങളിൽ വേലനടത്താത്ത പക്ഷം അതിലേക്കു ഉള്ള നടപടിഎന്താണു്?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): റൂൾസ്പ്രകാരം എക്സൈസ്കമ്മീഷണർക്കു് വേണ്ടവേലകം നടത്തിക്കാമെന്നുണ്ടു്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Part (*e*). ഫാൻവു-ലെ വെള്ളപ്പൊക്കം കഴിഞ്ഞതിൽ പിന്നീടു് ൻവുലും ൻൻ-ചുപുത്തളം ഫാക്ടറിയിൽ ഉള്ള വേലകം ലൈസൻസികളുടെ ഐകമത്യക്കുറവിനാൽ നടത്തിയില്ലെന്നു് രാജപ്രതിനിധി റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ പറഞ്ഞു കാണുന്നു. ആവേലകളിൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ നിന്നും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അതു് ഉത്തരത്തിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

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MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): നിയമം അങ്ങിനെ അനുവദിച്ചിരിക്കുമ്പോൾ അതു ചെയ്യാതിരിക്കാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണ്?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): ചെയ്യാമെന്നേയുള്ളൂ; ചെയ്യണമെന്നു നിർബന്ധമില്ല.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ആ ഫാക്ടറിയിൽ ഇപ്പോഴും ആ വേലകൾ ചെയ്യിക്കാതെ കിടക്കയാണോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അതെ പറഞ്ഞു അന്വേഷിക്കണം.

Irregularity in the sale of Salt.

269. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*):
(*a*) Has the Excise Commissioner sent an order, somewhere between 1096 and 1100, to the effect that the salt produced by one licensee should be sold earlier and that at that time the produce of other licensees should not be sold?

(*b*) As a result of this, has any of the merchants petitioned the Excise Commissioner that that licensee demanded and realised a higher rate?

(*c*) Has the Excise Commissioner thereupon ordered that this petitioner should not be given salt from the Tamaracolam Factory?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*). The Government are unable to answer, as the question is not specific.

Shortage of brine in Tamaracolam Factory.

270. **MR T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of Interpellation No. 83 asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 20th Tulam 1101, in which it has been conceded that there is shortage of good brine in the Tamaracolam Factory, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reasons for the shortage of good brine in the Tamaracolam Factory;

(*b*) whether the recent registry of portions of the Manakkudi lake and the consequent narrowing of the lake contributed to this shortage of good brine;

(*c*) whether the possibilities of getting good brine have been considered when new areas were registered for salt cultivation; and

(*d*) whether the Government have examined the report sent by the Excise Commissioner regarding the supply of good brine, and if his suggestions will prove useful, will they be pleased to adopt them in the near future?

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